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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of a U.S. national stage application of PCT Application No. PCT/IL00/00056, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the "Related Applications" section on page 1, immediately after the title, with the following section:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. national filing of PCT Application No. PCT/IL00/00056, filed January 27, 2000. This application is also related to PCT Application Nos. PCT/IL00/00055 and PCT/IL00/00058, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the present claims 6, 9, 10-13, 15-20, 22, 24-26, 28, 29, 31-38, 40, 41, 43-47, 49, 50, 53, 56, 58-72, 75-77, 80-82, 92-97, and 99 with the following claims in clean form:

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6.(Amended) Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said force application mechanism moves said force applicator during one stroke of said reciprocating motion.

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9.(Amended) Apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said force application mechanism comprises a selective coupler that selectively couples said input motion to said force applicator.

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